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### Rashleigh Heard From.

According to the *Galveston News*, it would seem that F. F. Rashleigh has been heard from. As a matter of local interest, we give the following extract:

Some time in March or April last, says the *Galveston News* of the 28th ult., a person calling himself Ray Phillips, residing at Houston, applied for a position on this journal. Something in his personal appearance caused suspicions that he was not as he represented himself to be, a practical journalist. Upon being closely questioned, however, he evinced such knowledge of prominent journalists, their habits and the customs of their offices, that he was employed to report Houston matters. He was very zealous and attentive to business, but in many respects objectionable as a writer. He, however, was brought to Galveston and assigned to duties which required him to be frequently absent from the city. While he remained in Houston, he appeared quite devout, and was diligent in the Sunday school. It was there that he met Miss Edwina Shearn, adopted daughter of Judge Shearn, a lady less than 18. He wooed,

### WON AND WEDDED HER.

Shortly afterward he came to this city and engaged lodgings at the Central Hotel. While reporting a session of the city council, he was recognized as F. Frank Rashleigh, formerly employed on a Cleveland paper, by one who knew him at Cleveland. This gentleman at once informed Capt. McCormick of his discovery, and gave the antecedents of Rashleigh; that he had married Miss Voyle, of Carbondale, Penn., and that after their marriage he had absconded, and that subsequently a body was picked up in the Mississippi river, which was identified as, or supposed to be the body of Rashleigh.

[Here follow two letters, one said to have been written by John McCullen, announcing the finding of the body of an unknown man in the Mississippi, and another found upon the body of this unknown man, announcing himself to be "Rashleigh, and giving his reasons for committing himself to the muddy waters of the Mississippi. As we have previously published these letters, we now omit them.]

The last letter is in the handwriting of the man that we know as Ray Phillips. It is identical with his manuscript now, and with the letters that he sent to Miss Voyle before he was married to her. These letters have been brought to light by the correspondence of Capt. McCormick, who has labored zealously to bring Phillips to the place where he now

is. Among the matters sent over was

### A PICTURE OF RASHLEIGH

and Miss Voyle, taken together. It is as perfect a likeness as is possible of Ray Phillips.

The evidence of his wickedness and identity was made complete while he was in New Orleans, and it was determined to arrest him on his return, which was done last Friday.

Phillips, or Rashleigh, having married Miss Shearn, whose tender years and ignorance of the world's ways made her an easy victim, he induced her to dispose of some claims of property that she had received from Judge Shearn for \$1,700 in two notes of six and twelve months. The proceeds of one of these notes, which he sold without the knowledge of Miss Shearn, he applied to his own use.

At the time of his arrest he solicited a private interview with Capt. McCormick, saying "I can fix it up and make it interesting." Capt. McCormick declined to hold any private conversation with him. He then produced the other note, and after his bail was reduced to \$500 sought to use it for that purpose. Friends of Miss Shearn at once

### TOOK THE MATTER IN HAND,

recovered that note, and Phillips, or Rashleigh, went to jail. He then had on his person \$55 in cash, and a watch chain and diamond pin belonging to Miss Shearn. Col. Flournev, hearing of the facts, volunteered his professional services, and has received all save the money. This Rashleigh refuses to give up, but will be forced to do so, and every cent that the scoundrel has not spent.

On Sunday he sent Miss Shearn a beseeching letter begging her to get \$500 on the note and deposit it for bail, and claimed to have used the other note properly, giving an account of how he used the money, some items being wonderful. Among them were these: "Trip to New Orleans, \$300;" "canary bird \$8;" "To fruit eaten, \$50;" "My personal expenses, etc., \$250." The cold blooded impudence that could write such an account surpasses all conception. He will be taken to Houston and put on trial for his offence unless he is wise enough to plead guilty. The question that naturally arises is, how did this body come in the river, and how did these papers come upon it? Miss Shearn, though without any relatives, has found a host of friends who have rallied to her comfort. She expresses the warmest appreciation of the kindness of Mrs. White and all the ladies of the hotel. She bears her great wrong and affliction with more composure than was to have been expected. It being observed that she was nervous and unwell after the receipt of his appeals, her friends and herself refused to receive any more letters from him.

This fellow, in his career of devastation, seems to select the most estimable and worthy ladies for his victims. Miss Voyle or the real Mrs. Rashleigh, is represented, by good testimony, to be an estimable lady of culture, and as her picture shows of much personal beauty. She is the mother of an interesting child, the father of which is Rashleigh. And the whole community needs not to be told of the loveliness and childlike innocence of Miss Shearn. The only comment that we have to make is this: In the course of a long reportorial life, we have never known a lady to be so grossly wronged as is Miss Edwina Shearn, nor have we encountered as cold-blooded and impudent a scoundrel as Phillips or Rashleigh.